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The new Federal Fiscal Year has brought changes to the Arizona WIC Program. This month's edition will serve as a reminder of changes that became effective October 1, 2007, which relate to Arizona WIC Vendors.

Authorized Foods and Minimum Stock Requirements

Infant Formula: On October 1, 2007, the new contracted infant formula became Similac Advance with Iron and Similac Isomil Advance with Iron both in 12.9 ounce powder form. As a result, the minimum stock requirements for infant formula have also changed. Vendors must have the following amounts of infant formula at all times: Similac Advance with Iron - 36 cans; and Similac Isomil Advance with Iron - 18 cans.

There are some infants who require a special formula which is listed on the food instrument. Please ensure that the WIC customer receives the appropriate formula in the amount listed on the food instrument. If you do not have enough of the formula or do not carry the formula, please refer the customer to another authorized WIC Vendor.

Any Brand Milk: The Arizona WIC Program changed its policy regarding the Vendor's declared least expensive milk to **any brand** (store brand, national brand, etc.) of milk. Please read the complete description of the milk on the food instrument as it lists the type (Fat Free, Low Fat, Reduced Fat or Whole), the container size and the amount of milk that can be purchased. The stock requirement for milk is the same (28 gallon containers). All brands of milk in the gallon container are WIC authorized.

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Pre-authorization visit

A pre-authorization visit is required when adding another location to your existing contract. Appointments will be scheduled for this visit to provide training to your staff and verify that your store meets the minimum stock requirements to participate in the program. Please ensure that all staff are prepared for this scheduled visit.

Vendor Monitoring

All new WIC Vendors will be visited for a Vendor Site Review (VSR) after a minimum of 30 days on the program. If the new Vendor is not in compliance during this visit, their Vendor contract will be terminated.

Wait Period

The WIC Program has implemented a waiting period of 180 calendar days to re-apply for authorization when the Vendor contract is denied or if the Vendor Contract is terminated.

For more information

Please refer to your Arizona WIC Vendor Contract, Vendor Manual and Contract Amendments (1 and 2) for additional information regarding your responsibilities to participate in the Arizona WIC Program.

We look forward to working with you during the 2008 Federal Fiscal Year to ensure that the participants of the WIC program receive the prescribed supplemental foods they need to meet their nutritional goals.

If you have any questions regarding this WIC Alert or need technical assistance, please contact any member of the Vendor Management Team at 1-866-737-3935.



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